

The Providence Report

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Moving Merrifield Forward
GMBA
presents the 11th Annual
Merrifield Fall festival
hosted by **mosaic**
Saturday October 17, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine)
Mosaic District
(The corner of Lee Highway and Gallows Road)
District Avenue | Fairfax, VA
This year's all new festival features:
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Local Store & Restaurant Vendors
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A message from Supervisor Smyth

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has proposed major changes to the I-66 corridor, both inside and outside the Beltway. It was clear from VDOT's first public meeting in February that Providence residents would see the most impact to their homes and property from the plans to widen I-66 and replace bridges that cross the interstate west of the I-495 interchange. The enormous scope of the road construction in this area could disrupt daily lives, commutes, and businesses for years.

Since February, there have been many more meetings around the district. I would like to thank VDOT staff for going beyond their normal public outreach protocol. They have met in many venues to answer questions and on site to see firsthand the potential effects on neighborhoods. Providence residents also deserve much credit. They have engaged the process constructively, clearly describing their concerns and offering VDOT reasonable suggestions in civil discussions.

As a result, the footprint of the I-66 project outside the Beltway has been modified significantly. The meeting on October 19 (see box below) will present the latest design concept. However, this will not be the end of the dialogue. We are all committed to continuing the work to lessen the impact on our homes and neighborhoods. I look forward to seeing many of you again on October 19.

~Linda Smyth

I-66 INSIDE the Beltway Public Information Meetings

High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes are proposed on I-66, from I-495 (the Capital Beltway) to U.S. Route 29 in Rosslyn, in both directions during weekday rush hours to deliver free-flowing and more reliable travel. Critical multimodal improvements, which directly benefit the I-66 Corridor, would be supported by tolls from the express lanes. Learn more at the following public meetings:

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 (7:00-9:00 pm), Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School – Cafeteria, 7130 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 (7:00-9:00 pm), Washington-Lee High School – Cafeteria, 1301 N. Stafford Street, Arlington, VA

I-66 OUTSIDE the Beltway Public Information Meetings

Learn about the preferred design concept alternative for the I-66 Outside the Beltway Project, which resulted from the project's recent Environmental Assessment, and technical study and analysis of various design concepts. Attend one of the following public information meetings to get the latest project news and information:

Monday, October 19, 2015 (6:30-8:30 pm), Oakton High School -- Cafeteria, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna, VA 22181

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 (6:30-8:30 pm), VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030



The offices on the ballot for the 2015 elections include the state Senate, House of Delegates, Clerk of Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Board of Supervisors, School Board and Directors of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. Elections will be held on **Tuesday, November 3, and the polls will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.** Information about candidates and sample ballots may be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>. The schedule for voting in the 2015 elections is as follows:

- Sept 18: In-Person Absentee Voting Begins
- Oct 13: Voter Registration Deadline - In-Person: 5:00 pm, Online: 11:59 pm
- Oct 27: Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail
- Oct 31: Final Day for In-Person Absentee Voting
- Nov 3: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline (7:00 pm)

Register to Vote. Only registered voters are eligible to vote. If you are already registered at your current address, you do not need to register again. You are eligible to register to vote if you are a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age by the next general election and a resident of Virginia.

To register you must complete and submit a Virginia Voter Registration form. You may register to vote **online** at the Virginia State Board of Elections website at <https://www.vote.virginia.gov/>. You may register **in person**, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Thursday, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center, Fairfax County Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax. You may also register **by mail** by completing a Virginia Voter Registration Application. Applications are available for download at <http://sbe.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/VoterRegistrationApplication.pdf> and are also available at most public libraries, Department of Motor Vehicles offices, Board of Supervisors offices, citizen information desk in the County Government Center lobby, the Judicial Center information desk and several other county government locations. Mail the completed and signed application to: Fairfax County Office of Elections, P.O. Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038-8061. Registration applications submitted by mail must be postmarked not later than the final day of voter registration. For additional information about how to register, visit the county's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/vregis.htm> or call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.

PLEASE NOTE: According to law, first-time voters in Virginia who register by mail must vote in person (either on Election Day or Absentee In-Person) unless they are students, overseas citizens, citizens with a disability or illness or active duty members of the military or their dependents. Individuals registering by mail should submit along with the application either (1) a copy of a current and valid photo identification, or (2) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows the voter's name and address. In order to complete the online application process, you will need your Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customer identifier number, which is printed at the top of your DMV-issued identification card or driver's license, your social security number and birth date. Fairfax County residents who do not have a Virginia DMV customer number or other required information may still fill out the registration application online, but will be required to print, sign and return the completed application to the Office of Election by mail: P.O. Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038. In person: Suite 323, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. All Fairfax County voter registration applications are subject to review by the general registrar. After your application is approved, you will be mailed a voter registration notice within 30 days. For additional information visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/vregis.htm or call 703-222-0776.

To determine whether you are registered to vote, please visit the Virginia State Board of Elections website at <https://www.vote.virginia.gov/search>, or call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776. **On Election Day, voters requiring an immediate response to questions concerning their voter registration or polling information should contact the Office of the Electoral Board (703-324-4735) or the Office of the General Registrar (703-222-0776) by phone, not by email.**

Report change of name or address. If you are already registered at your current address, you do not need to register again. To remain a qualified registered voter, the law requires you to notify your local voter registration office of any change in your name or address. This must be done before the registration books close for the next election. The deadline is 22 days prior to any general or primary election and 13 days before a special election, or 6 days prior to a Special election called by the Governor (Code of Virginia §24.2-416). You can submit your request for change of name and/or address by submitting a new Virginia Voter Registration Form, either by mail at P.O. Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038-8061, by fax (703-324-2205), email at voting@fairfaxcounty.gov, or online at the Virginia Department of Elections website at <http://elections.virginia.gov/>. When submitting a form to the Office of Elections the change notice must include your signature to be valid. Change requests cannot be made by telephone. A scanned change request via email is acceptable. The scanned change request must include your signature. After your change is processed, you will be mailed a new Voter Information Notice. If a new notice does not arrive within a few weeks, please call 703-222-0776 to confirm that your requested change of name and/or address was received.

VOTING continued

Where to Vote: You must vote at your designated polling location if not voting absentee. The precinct name and location of your polling place is listed on your current voter registration notice. The information is also available on the Virginia State of Elections website www.sbe.virginia.gov.

Absentee Voting. Fairfax County registered voters who are unable to go to the polls and meet the eligibility requirements listed on the application may vote by absentee ballot. Eligible voters may vote in-person prior to Election Day or apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to them. You can apply using the Virginia Absentee Ballot Application Form as soon as you know you will not be able to go the polls on Election Day, but no earlier than 12 months before the election date. If you want your ballot mailed, your application must be received no later than 5:00 pm on the Tuesday before the election. For additional information on absentee voting including obtaining an absentee ballot application, valid reasons for voting absentee, how your ballot is counted, and more go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>. For complete information about absentee voting for military and overseas citizens, go to <http://elections.virginia.gov/>.

Photo ID Requirements. Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of photo identification (photo ID) at the polls. Election officials cannot accept photo IDs that expired more than one year before Election Day. Voters arriving to the polls without photo ID will be required to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted. Virginia's photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person. Acceptable photo IDs include VA driver's license, U.S. passport, student ID, employer ID, and an ID issued by a government agency (federal, state or county.) Any registered voter who does not possess an acceptable form of photo ID, may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter. The Office of Elections can also provide a temporary photo ID which is valid for 30 days. For additional information on acceptable forms of ID or the provisional ballot process, visit the website at <http://sbe.virginia.gov/index.php/casting-a-ballot/in-person-voting/>.

2015 Fairfax County Public Safety & Schools Bond Referendums. In the November 3, 2015, general election, Fairfax County voters will be asked to vote YES or NO on a \$151 million public safety bond and a \$310 million schools bond. If a majority votes yes on the referendums, the Board of Supervisors will be authorized to sell bonds for the purpose described in the ballot questions. This money is intended to provide: \$51 million to renovate or replace five aging fire stations (Merrifield, Reston, Penn Daw, Woodlawn, and Edsall); \$100 million to renovate Franconia District Police station, build a new, joint animal shelter and police station in the South County area, construction and renovation for the Police heliport, Operations Support Bureau facilities, Emergency Vehicle Operations and K9 Center; \$310 million to renovate nine elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools, along with funding an addition to South Lakes High and plan a new Northwest County area elementary school. For responses to frequently asked questions regarding the bond referendums please go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/bondfaqs.htm>. For the referendum ballot question go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/bondquestion.htm>.

Polling Location and Precinct Changes in Providence

The polling location for the **Hunters Branch Precinct** is changing from the Regent's Park Clubhouse located at 9333 Clocktower Place, Fairfax, to the new **Providence Community Center located at 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax 22031**. Regent's Park kindly allowed their facility to be used as a polling place while the Providence Community Center was under construction.

Thoreau and Stenwood Precincts are being combined. These are two small precincts and combining them will conserve resources. The consolidated precinct retains the name "Thoreau" and the polling place will be **Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna 22180**.

Seeking Election Officials

If you're interested in making a contribution to democracy, consider serving as an election official. The hours are long, the pay is low, but your contribution to democracy is enormous! If you meet the qualifications, please consider applying to serve. Election Officers are paid \$175 for their service.

Apply to become an Election Officer: You may email the Office of Elections at elect@fairfaxcounty.gov with your name, home address, date of birth, telephone number and email address, call 703-324-4735 or complete an Election Officer Application Form located at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/training/election_officer_application_july2015.pdf. Please note, your information will be submitted to the local political committee for approval.

Training: New election officers must attend a training class prior to serving at the polls. Experienced election officers are required to attend training classes when specified by the Office of Elections.



2015 Providence District VolunteerFest®



Supervisor Smyth is delighted to host the 2015 Providence District VolunteerFest® in conjunction with Volunteer Fairfax's countywide VolunteerFest® and National Make a Difference Day. The week-long 2015 Providence VolunteerFest® projects include:

11th Annual Merrifield Fall Festival: October 17, 11 am to 5 pm District Avenue in Mosaic District (corner of Lee Highway and Gallows Road in Merrifield). The Greater Merrifield Business Association welcomes residents to enjoy a day filled with fun for all ages. For information see www.greatermerrifield.org/MerrifieldFallFestival.html.

Tyson's Harvest Festival: October 17-18 and 24-25, noon to 5 pm, Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, adjacent to the Silver Line Tysons Corner Station, 8025 Galleria Drive. For information go to <http://www.tysonsharvest.com>.

All other projects will take place on Saturday, October 24th, unless indicated otherwise.

- **Food Drive:** Supervisor Smyth's office, Hunter Mill Country Day School and the Oakton Women's Club collect for Food for Others. Nonperishable food donations may be dropped off from October 1 to 31 at Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, or Hunter Mill Country Day School, 2021 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna, 9 am to 6 pm weekdays.
- **The Friends of Oakton Library Host:** Outdoor clean up and invasive plant removal at the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton, 9 to 11 am. To volunteer, email FriendsOfOaktonLibrary@gmail.com or call Ann Balch 703-242-7277.
- **Providence Community Center:** Game Shape - youth basketball training 10 am to noon. Game Shape - adult basketball fitness workout 1 to 3 pm. To sign up contact robertwebster@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- **Easy Readers:** A program for first and second grade boys who need reading reinforcement at the Oakton Library. Prior registration is required to participate. For information or to volunteer contact Drew Crum at easyreaders@gmail.com.
- **Oakton Community Park:** Horseback riding demonstration by Spirit Open Equestrian Program (Fairfax4Horses sponsor) 1:30 to 2:30 pm, 2841 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Weather permitting. Horsemanship and pony rides.
- **Mini Golf:** Greater Merrifield Business Association (GMBA), Police Department and Park Authority host mentorship mini golf with selected Fairfax County Public School students from 9 to 11 am.
- **Neighborhood Park Projects:** Fairfax County Park Authority hosts Invasive Management Area (IMA) site projects: at Nottoway Park, 9 am to noon, October 17 and 24; at Borg Street Park, 10 am to 2 pm, October 17; at Idylwood Park, 9 to 11 am, October 18. Sign up at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resource-management/ima/ima-calendar.htm> or RSVP to Erin.Stockschlaeder@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-8681 TTY711.
- **The Great Falls Group of the Sierra Club Hosts:** Clean up at Scotts Run behind Westgate Elementary School, from 9 to 11 am. For directions and to volunteer call Patricia Leslie at 202-316-0584.
- **Soldier Care Packages:** Join Troop Treats and James Lee Community Center, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church. Packages for our soldiers serving abroad will be prepared from 10 am to noon. To donate and/or volunteer go to www.trooptreats.com or call Germaine Broussard at 703-608-4609. Hot dogs and chips served after packing.
- **Event Promotions:** The Providence Players at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855-A James Lee Street, Falls Church, are helping to promote VolunteerFest®. Their season opens with the uplifting comedy "Calendar Girls" and runs from October 2 through 17. See schedule of performances at <http://www.providenceplayers.org>.

Supervisor Smyth and the 2015 Providence District VolunteerFest® Committee invite all residents to participate in this year's activities. More information is available on the 2015 VolunteerFest® website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711 and on the Volunteer Fairfax website at www.volunteerfairfax.org/non-profits/volunteerfest.php or by calling Jessica Warren, 703 246-3533, TTY 711.

Villages Organizing in Providence

Last spring a Villages Forum was hosted by Supervisor Smyth at the Providence Community Center. The concept of a Village is to help older adults stay in their communities by helping to coordinate and deliver services and support within neighborhoods. The idea is simple: neighbor helping neighbor. An overview was provided by the Long Term Care Program Coordinator and presentations were made by representatives from established Villages in Fairfax.

Since that time representatives from Jefferson Village, Mantua, Pine Spring, Holmes Run Acres, New Providence and Poplar Heights held an explorers meeting to discuss how to identify residents' needs, especially those of older adults, which could be provided by a Village. It was decided that a community needs assessment survey would be the best way to obtain this knowledge and begin to build a list of potential village members, volunteers and planning committee members within a neighborhood. Some neighborhoods, which were similar and shared borders, expressed interest in a multi-association Village approach. The Jefferson Village Civic Association (JVCA) sent out its Community Needs Assessment Survey in July to its 581 neighbors using the NextDoor email list. Two JVCA Board members and Exploratory Group volunteers, Diana Artemis and Betty Charles, will follow up with a door-to-door survey to reach neighbors who may not have computers and are not on NextDoor. To learn more about Villages, visit the Village to Village Network at: www.vtvnetwork.org and the Fairfax County Villages page at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/ltccc/villages.htm>.

Providence Community Center Participates in 2015 Providence District VolunteerFest

Rob Webster, Director for Youth, Teen and Family Programs, developed the following two projects for Supervisor Smyth's 2015 VolunteerFest:

"Game Shape" Basketball Training Program (Saturday, October 24, 10am to noon) – The program is open to all youth interested in learning the fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, proper defense, and teamwork. The goal is to have each player leave the program with improved skills, increased confidence, and acquired knowledge on how to practice, succeed and have fun too!

"Game Shape" Fitness Workout (Saturday, October 24, 1pm to 3pm) – This program is open to adults. Participants will learn the fundamentals of basketball, while getting in shape in a group setting. They will also be given an opportunity to apply the skills learned in a scrimmage at the end of the session.

To sign up, contact robertwebster@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Each year Celebrate Fairfax! and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors partner to honor community leaders and volunteers in each magisterial district. These are the Lords and Ladies Fairfax. The 2015 Lord and Lady Fairfax for the Providence District are **Peggy Koplitz and Paul Wexler**.

Peggy served as the Providence District representative to the Library Board from November 2005 until this year. She brought to the Board a wealth of experience. Holding a Master of Library Science degree, Peggy worked as a librarian, a library media specialist and curriculum specialist with the Alexandria City Public Schools. In 2007, she helped to open the long awaited Oakton Community Library, the only library in Providence. When community concerns were raised in 2013 about the re-organization of the Fairfax Public libraries and the discarding of books, Peggy stepped forward to join the Ad-Hoc Floating and Discards Committee. This committee was instrumental in identifying ways to clarify policies and practices to address public concerns as well as questions raised by the Friends of the Library groups. Thanks to Peggy's contributions, the county's libraries will continue to respond to the expectations of our residents.

Paul is the Executive Director of Service Source, which raises and distributes funding for programs that serve people with disabilities. He has been a Providence District resident since 1989 and is an active volunteer with local civic groups, including Civitans and Scouting. Over the last 35 years, Paul's professional work has been devoted to advocacy efforts on behalf of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Having a brother with Down Syndrome, Paul has a keen awareness of not only individual needs but family concerns as well. This lifelong insight has enabled him to develop a strong empathy and understanding of challenges faced in daily life and long term planning. Known as a 'historian' who can outline the history of services in the field of intellectual disabilities, Paul remains a true asset and spokesperson for some of Virginia's most vulnerable citizens who are often unable to advocate on their own behalf.

NEW AREA 1 PARK AUTHORITY MANAGER

We welcome Russell Arrington who joined the Park Authority as Area 1 manager on June 29. He assumes the duties and responsibilities of former Area 1 Manager Ed Busenlehner, who recently retired after a most commendable Park Authority career. Russell came to the Park Authority from the Maryland Capital Parks & Planning Commission where he had 17 years experience working multiple positions including the last several years managing the Meadowbrook Maintenance Facility, where he oversaw multiple crews managing around 50 parks and their facilities. We look forward to working with Russell in maintaining and improving our great system of parks and facilities in Providence.

PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED RUCKSTUHL PARK

A public meeting was held on the master plan for the proposed 2.5 acre Ruckstuhl Park located on Idylwood Road between Gallows Road and Route 7 in a residential community. The meeting was preceded by a park "Open House" on July 28 that afforded interested citizens the opportunity to be guided through the park property and see where proposed features could be located. This is the second public meeting on this park proposal, and a master plan was presented that took into account public input received at and subsequent to the first meeting. Overwhelmingly, residents preferred leaving the park in a natural state but with attractive park features.

With this in mind, Park Authority staff presented a master plan that included picnic area/outdoor classroom, open play area, nature playground/educational area, trail loop with future pedestrian connections to nearby parks, interpretive signage and features and limited parking. Overall those in attendance at the meeting appeared pleased with the master plan but voiced concern over pedestrians' ability to cross Idylwood Road to access the park. This concern will be addressed by the Park Authority in cooperation with the Providence District Supervisor as the plan moves forward. A 30 day comment period ended August 31, followed by Park Authority evaluation of comments received and then presentation to the Park Authority Board in the Fall 2015.



Fairfax 2015, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation was established to organize, manage and operate all activities related to the 2015 World Police & Fire Games. The primary objective was to honor and celebrate our community heroes – public safety officers from around the world – by delivering an amazing athletic experience and fully engaging the community to produce the best Games possible.

The Games, which ran from June 26 through July 5, brought in about \$83.85 million worth of economic benefit to the Washington region according to a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on July 28. That figure includes \$49.24 million in direct economic benefits, plus about \$34.61 million in "induced effects," said Barry Biggar, President of the Fairfax County Convention and Visitors Corp., aka Visit Fairfax. For a run-down of the results of the games go to <http://fairfax2015.com/>.

Thank you to all of the participants and to the roughly 3,500 volunteers whose help made these games possible.

TAKE BACK THE NOTTOWAY FOREST

Dig in and get involved with native habitat restoration in the Nottoway Park woodlands. Help *remove* invasive plants and *replant* native species. Students and scouts earn community service hours. Scout projects are welcome.

Workdays: *Saturdays* (9 am to noon) - September 26, October 10, October 17, October 24

More Information & Volunteer Sign Up: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA/> or call 703-324-8681



Above is the ribbon cutting that was held on Saturday, May 30th to inaugurate the new turf field behind the Graham Road Community Building, 3036 Graham Road, Falls Church. Fairfax County Public Schools and Arlington Boulevard Community Development partnered to build the field. It is a new resource for Kingsley Commons, the surrounding community, and youth leagues.

Ken Quincy Honored as Community Champion

Ken Quincy of Dunn Loring was honored as the Providence District Community Champion at the 2015 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards. Ken defines the meaning of community champion through his service as the Dunn Loring Woods Civic Association president for the past 17 years, volunteering with the AARP Tax-Aide program for 15 years, volunteering with Fairfax County's Adult ESOL program for 15 years, and serving as the Providence District Representative on the Park Authority Board for 8 years.

In his position on the Park Authority Board, he has served as Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee and as a member of the Resource Management Committee and the Funding Policy and Bond Committee. He has been extensively involved with the planning of parks and playing fields during the Tysons redevelopment process. He helped ensure that parks were a key component in the new vision for Tysons. In addition, Ken supported park planning efforts throughout Providence District that have included plans for Nottoway Park, Hartland Green Park, Merrifield Park and Ruckstuhl Park. Ken is always ready to give his time to make our community a better place for everyone and we thank him for his dedication.

Book Sales to Benefit

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043

Saturday, October 3rd from 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday, October 4th Bag Sale/Clearance from 1 to 4 pm

Saturday, December 5th from 10 am to 4pm

Sunday, December 6th Bag Sale/Clearance from 1 to 4 pm

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Large selection of books, magazines and media for all ages

TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com or call 703-790-4031



FRIENDS OF OAKTON LIBRARY FALL 2015 BOOK SALE

Oakton Library

10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton 22124

Thursday, September 24th from 1 pm to 8 pm

Friday, September 25th from 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday, September 26st from 10 am to 3 pm



July marked the 25th Anniversary of the Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) program in Fairfax County. The ADU program was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 11, 1989, and went into effect on July 31, 1990, as part of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance. At the July 28 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, former Delegate Jim Scott was recognized for his service as Affordable Housing Advisory Committee co-chair and for his career of advocacy for affordable housing. Many low and moderate income households now have the opportunity to live affordably in communities located in Fairfax County. During the meeting the Chairman noted "Thanks to the ADU program, working families, young professionals and service industry employees have additional housing options close to job and transportation centers in the county."

Born out of a bi-partisan process that involved the public and private sectors coming together to address a significant housing challenge, the ADU program incentivizes the creation of additional affordable housing with private investment. It helps increase affordability in communities across the county by increasing the development potential of sites in exchange for the inclusion of additional modestly priced units.

Community Health Dashboard

A new Community Health Dashboard has been launched by Live Healthy Fairfax to provide accurate and timely data, best practices, and other information to promote health and well-being in the Fairfax community. By going to the dashboard at www.livehealthyfairfax.org, you can access social, health and demographic data by topic or geographic location within the Fairfax Health District; find data broken down by age, gender, and race/ethnicity, where available; view multiple health indicators at once or a single indicator across multiple locations, including by zip code, county or census tract; compare county indicators to the national targets identified in Healthy People 2020; and build customized reports on health topics of interest.

Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission

The Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission was established by Chairman Bulova in March to develop recommendations for the Board of Supervisors to improve several aspects of the Fairfax County Police Department. The Commission is divided into five subcommittees – Use of Force, Independent Oversight and Investigations, Mental Health and CIT, Communications, and Recruitment, Diversity and Vetting. There are 70 people serving on the Commission and its subcommittees, including people with legal, law enforcement, academic and media backgrounds as well as interested citizens who asked to serve. Some draft recommendations were delivered to the Commission at the end of July, and final recommendations are expected to go to the Board of Supervisors in October. Interested residents can go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission to find meeting summaries, video and audio of some meetings, and all documents presented or discussed by the Commission and the subcommittees.



New Topics Now Available Through Fairfax Alerts - Are You Registered?

Fairfax Alerts is Fairfax County's way of sending you emergency alerts, as well as severe traffic and weather alerts, right to your smartphone and email inbox. You may choose to receive alerts on any or all of the following topics:

Tax deadline reminders and updates: ◦ Business, Real Estate, Car (Personal Property), Dog License Renewals & Tax Relief
Fairfax County Police Notifications (Police Alerts)
Office of Emergency Management ◦ Emergency Preparedness Newsletter ◦ Emergency Preparedness Drills/Exercises
Department of Transportation ◦ News and Information ◦ Public Meetings and Events ◦ Commute and Employer Information ◦ Fairfax Connector Passenger Information
Department of Management & Budget ◦ Monthly County Economic Indicators Report ◦ County Government Budget News and Updates

For information on how to sign up and choose the device(s) to receive the alerts, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts/>.

LAND USE UPDATES

Tysons Plan Implementation

The Silver Line has been open for just over one year and to date the county has approved up to 31 million new square feet of new development in Tysons. The Tysons Plan focuses 75 percent of future development within a half mile of the four new Silver Line Metro stations in Tysons with up to 100,000 residents and 200,000 jobs by 2050. It is estimated that the approved projects will support more than 48,000 new employees and 30,000 new residents. For more details about the plan please visit the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/. To review the sixteen approved and six pending Tysons rezoning applications please visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/development/. The new Arbor Row Stream Valley Park (photo) was opened this summer. The park was proffered by Cityline as part of the Arbor Row development in Tysons.



Vienna/Fairfax Metro Updates

Construction of the **MetroWest** project continues. Pulte is constructing five four story residential condo buildings (160 units) with underground parking and elevator service. Pulte is interested in constructing buildings 14 and 15. To that end, Pulte has submitted a Partial Proffered Condition Amendment (PCA 2003-PR-022) proposing to delete proffer 5.b. **Timing of High Rise Construction**. The intent of this proffer was to incentivize the construction of the office and retail component of the Metro West development that is primarily owned by Clark. Clark Realty, the owner of the higher density portions of the MetroWest development has indicated that they plan to submit to the county building plans and interim plaza designs for the first residential high rise building. Clark unfortunately has not yet identified a definitive time line for construction.

Pulte also proposes with their PCA to delete proffer 5.c.(vi) **Business Center**. This proffer committed to the accommodation of a business center located in the ground floor of one of the multifamily buildings for use by project residents. Contemporary needs and demands have changed since this commitment was made twelve years ago essentially making this commitment outmoded. Pulte will be reaching out to the community to discuss their proposed PCA.

Development of Thompson Property

NVR Inc. and Timber Ridge LLC. have initiated land development work to build a 141-unit townhouse community south of the Vienna/Fairfax GMU Metro station. The Thompson property is located at 8301 Lee Highway just west of Nutley Street, and south of the Vienna Metro station and backs up to the existing Stonehurst townhome neighborhood that is accessed via Rt. 50. The roads of the two communities will not connect. The 16 acre property was zoned back in the 1960's.

Merrifield Updates

The developers of the **Halstead Square** mixed use project have completed their fourth and final 200 unit residential building with 2,500 sq. ft. of retail space. Located south of the Dunn Loring/Merrifield Metro Station on Halstead Square Road and Gallows Road the project will include a total of 1,150 apartment units with over 100,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail space.

Mill Creek Residential, developer of **Avenir Place**, the 15-acre **mixed-use redevelopment of the Dunn Loring Metro Station**, is nearing completion of their second and final residential building. The residential building will have 373 more apartments, a Harris-Teeter grocery store and ground floor retail space. The completed 2,000 WMATA parking garage replaces the previous 1,300 surface parking spaces and provides new covered bus bays, separated kiss and ride facilities, improved pedestrian and vehicular accesses, and plaza amenities. Temporary circulation patterns at the station that commuters have endured for several years will be eliminated with the final construction of the pedestrian plaza.

Construction of the second phase of the **Mosaic District in Merrifield** is nearing completion. Mill Creek has constructed 252 apartment units in two multifamily buildings with 60,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail space across from the movie theater. The retail space is quickly being occupied with new tenants and the apartments are being actively leased. EYA is completing 25 more townhomes, replacing an industrial scrap yard adjacent to the 120 townhomes they have already constructed.

Greater Hillwood Development Updates

Redevelopment of the 19 acre Hillwood Square Cooperative located on Cherry Street is progressing. The 384 unit apartment complex will be completed in the second quarter of 2016.

The 8 story 160 room **Hampton Inn Seven Corners** hotel is still under construction. The hotel, located off of Route 50 (service drive) and South Street, was approved back in 1970. The hotel will have an indoor pool and will be accessed from the Route 50 service drive with no direct access to South Street. The developer hopes to finish construction next year.

LAND USE continued

Bozzuto LLC has purchased the land and development rights from JBGR to construct a tiered 3 to 5 story **174 unit apartment building, with 14 attached townhomes** that will face South Street. The project located immediately adjacent to the Hampton Inn will have 14,000 sq. ft. of retail and service uses fronting on Route 50. The previous 1970's zoning approvals for the property could have accommodated a third thirteen story office building, similar to the two adjacent existing office buildings at Route 50, South Street and Hillwood Avenue. Bozzuto started construction this summer and expects that it will take two years to complete the project.

Seven Corners Community Business District (CBC)

The Board of Supervisors approved a new land use plan on July 28 to transform **Seven Corners** into three, connected mixed-use development areas. As part of the plan, the area's famously tangled intersection will be remade into a four-way intersection. A new spine road and partial ring road are planned too. The Board of Supervisors also approved follow on motions directing county staff to conduct a detailed phasing analysis and to develop a funding plan for the transportation improvements.

The Providence District includes only one land unit (H) among fourteen total subunits making up the Seven Corners CBC. Land unit H includes the land located north of Route 50, south of Hillwood Ave and South Street. The under construction Hampton Inn and Bozuto residential apartment building described above, the two existing 13 story office towers (occupied by BB&T and Kastle Systems), the Grand Mart Grocery Store and Pistone's Italian Inn are contained within land unit H. Residents may want to review and obtain updates by using the following links: <http://www.fcrevit.org/baileys/7corners.htm>. The Seven Corners Transportation Study Phase II Final Report (November 2014) may be of particular interest to adjacent Providence District residents. A PDF file of the report can be accessed directly via the following link: http://www.fcrevit.org/baileys/download/Studies/SevenCornersTransportationStudy-Phase2-Report_FINAL_20141107.pdf. For more information, email revitalization@fairfaxcounty.gov, or call 703-324-9300, TTY 711.



Fairfax Forward is Fairfax County's new Comprehensive Plan review process.

The Fairfax Center Area Study is a multi-phase planning study. The first phase reviewed the periphery of the Fairfax Center area generally covered by the Penderbrook HOA and Fairfax Farms areas in Providence. The Phase I staff report with final approved staff recommendations is available online for review. Phase II of the Fairfax Center Study started in November 2014. An area wide task force to review proposed plan changes in the core areas of the Fairfax Center Plan Area convened this summer and will continue to meet over the next several months. The portions of the Providence District covered by this second phase include the land area south of I-66 and north of Route 50 and west of the City of Fairfax. Waples Mill Road bisects this land bay and includes Fairfax Ridge Road and Pender Drive.

Planning staff continue to work on editorial **updates for the Merrifield Suburban Center**. Since the adoption of the Merrifield Suburban Center plan language in 2001, several large scale development and road improvement projects envisioned in the plan have been initiated or completed. The plan editorial updates will primarily reflect these approved projects in revised maps and any corresponding text, as well as other minor editorial changes to reflect what has been approved and built. Current plan recommendations for Merrifield are not intended to change with the pending editorial updates.

Please use the following links to obtain more information about the new Fairfax Forward planning process: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/>

For the **Fairfax Center Area Study**: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxcenter/about.htm>

For **Providence District updates**:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxcenter/comment_summary_-_providence.pdf

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/merrifield/>

If you have any land use questions, please contact my aide, Michael Wing, at 703-560-6946.

To review the status of other pending zoning applications in Providence, utilize the following link: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/>.

Residents can also review pending applications using an interactive map. Please see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/staffreports/activecasesmap/>.

For more resources and Information about Planning & Zoning in Fairfax County, please check out the following link: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/resources/>

Gallows Road Bridge Project

The Gallows Road (Route 650) bridge over Route 50 (Arlington Boulevard) will be rehabilitated this fall. Based on the latest inspection report, the superstructure is in fair condition. There are areas of corrosion and section losses in the steel beams. The substructure is in poor condition due to significant concrete spalling on the pier cap and columns at both ends of the pier. Rehabilitation will take place in 2 phases. Phase one will include substructure repairs: repairs will be made to concrete spalls, broken stirrups and corroded reinforcing steel in the pier caps and columns to restore structural capacity. The second phase of the project will include girder and deck repair, including deck milling and latex modified concrete overlay and sidewalk repair.

Phase one is anticipated to start this September and take about 2 months. Phase two is anticipated to start June 2016. Lane closures and detours are anticipated for phase two of this project. All lane closures and detours will be during night hours. To see proposed detours and for more information on this project, please visit the VDOT website at http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/gallows_over_50.asp.



The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has a useful website that consolidates a lot of information into one webpage. The Virginia Roads portal, www.virginiaroads.org, was developed as part of an effort to provide user friendly access to all of VDOT's map products and to ensure VDOT's transparency to the public. It pulls together a variety of VDOT project information in one place for a general public audience, to assist citizens, elected officials, local government partners and others in getting current information quickly and in an easy-to-understand format.

With the upcoming change of seasons to colder weather, snow and ice are always a possibility. **VDOT treats and plows public roads in Fairfax County.** To report hazardous road conditions or for any questions you may have, please call 1-800-FOR-ROAD. As a reminder VDOT will only begin to plow after 2 inches of snow has fallen. If you would like to know about road conditions in your area, call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org. You can also find out the status of plowing in your neighborhood by visiting <http://novasnowplowing.virginia.gov> and entering your address.

Transportation for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

Transportation is one of the top problems facing older adults in the community and the need for this service is growing quickly. There are many options available in Fairfax in addition to the Fairfax Connector and Metro Bus and Rail. **Paratransit** options include **Fastran Critical Medical Care** for residents undergoing dialysis, cancer treatment and rehabilitative services; **Logisticare** provides free transportation for Medicaid recipients to Medicaid service providers; **MetroAccess** provides door-to-door, shared-ride paratransit service for people with a disability who cannot use bus or rail service.

Community Nonprofit Transportation Programs include **NV Rides**, which is a network of service providers who have come together to help improve volunteer transportation services for older adults throughout Northern Virginia. The program connects Northern Virginia area volunteer drivers with adults ages 55 and up who are living independently but are no longer comfortable driving or cannot drive. It partners with service providers for free door-to-door rides for essential needs such as medical or dental appointments, shopping, personal care, banking and more. NV Rides was developed in coordination with Fairfax County agencies, the Jewish Council on Aging, the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia and other nonprofit organizations. Volunteer drivers can set their own schedule and destinations. More information about NV Rides is at www.nvrides.org including the requirements, locations and rewards of volunteering with NV Rides.

Discount Transportation is available with most public transportation systems for older adults and people with disabilities including Fairfax County Connector and Metro. Additionally, **Fairfax County Dial-a-Ride** provides discounted taxi coupons to Fairfax County residents who are income eligible. Fairfax County **Seniors-on-the-Go!** offers discounted taxi coupons to individuals 65 and over who make less than \$40,000 or couples who make less than \$50,000. **Fairfax County TaxiAccess** provides discounted taxi coupons to Fairfax County residents eligible for MetroAccess - call 703-877-5800 for information regarding TaxiAccess.

Additional information regarding all of the above is available on the county's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/transportation or by calling 703-324-7948.

As summer comes to an end, construction of the Silver Line continues along the Phase 2 corridor. When travelling the Dulles Toll Road, you will see modification work to enable construction at the Innovation Center, Herndon and Reston Town Center Stations. Also, the first tower crane has arrived and is beginning concrete work at the Innovation Center Station. Concrete barriers are being set in place to ensure safe work and driving conditions.

Crews at Dulles Airport continue construction to support the station and aerial guideway as columns and caps are being erected on airport property. The rail yard and maintenance facility, also located on airport property, is starting construction.

Construction will continue to ramp up this fall as excavation work starts and carries on at stations in Fairfax County and at Dulles Airport. Phase 2 is expected to be completed in late 2019.



Fall Update from Providence School Board Member

Patricia Reed



I hope everyone had a relaxing summer and is ready for a new school year! I enjoyed seeing you this summer at our homeowners' association events and community meetings. I was also pleased to meet so many of you during back to school nights. Providence District residents take pride in their schools and community – and for good reasons!

You may have noticed or heard about some changes in our school system this year. I am happy to highlight those and proud to point out they are the result of collaborative partnerships between Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and other organizations.

Later High School Start Times : Last fall, the School Board (SB) approved a revised bell schedule to start secondary schools at 8:00 am and high schools at 8:10 am for the physical, mental and academic health of teen students. The 2015-16 Bell Schedule is the result of years of work involving many stakeholders, as well as consultants from Children's National Medical Center; it represents a balance of interests. I am particularly grateful for our collaboration with the County's Athletic Council and Park Authority.

While high school start times changed, elementary school start times will remain as close to last year's as possible – moving only 5 or 10 minutes. All middle schools will start at 7:30 am which is earlier for most, and we continue working to improve middle school start times. By approving a revised bell schedule a year in advance, we allowed FCPS's transportation staff to prepare for these changes. But, as with any major adjustment, there will be challenges. Please bear with us as we work through the bus routes and traffic flows.

An Alternative to Riding FCPS Busses – Pilot Program: This year, FCPS is piloting an idea recommended by the Joint Budget Development Committee (JBDC). Supervisor Smyth and I served on the committee, which identified duplicate lines of business and brainstormed ideas to merge resources. Transportation services were selected for a one-year trial of transporting students from five high schools. In partnership with Fairfax County's Department of Transportation, FCPS students from Chantilly, Edison, Madison, Mount Vernon, and South Lakes High Schools are eligible for free rides on some Fairfax Connector routes. Students must have parent or guardian permission before applying through their high school for a special pass. The passes are valid from August 1, 2015, through August 31, 2016 with no-cost rides offered from 6 am to 8 pm Monday through Friday.

Falls Church High School (FCHS) Innovation STEAM Lab: Financial constraints continue to dictate a painfully slow timeline for school renovations and construction. In the waiting period, I am working with my colleagues to find creative ways to fund immediate improvements. I am pleased to report that a state-of-the-art Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) Lab will be ready for FCHS students this fall. The lab was funded through Providence District proffer monies and will include computer workstations, 3-D scanners, laser cutters, and 3-D printers for digital fabrication as well as other high-level technology.

BUDGET: The more things change, the more they stay the same. Unfortunately that is the case with our school system's needs and resources. Our needs far exceed the available resources, in operational funds, facility design, and capital improvement funds. This is true for all county functions, not just the school system.

I will continue working with the School Board's Budget Committee this year, serving as Vice Chairman, and will do my best to address a projected deficit of \$100 million -- \$83 million assuming a proposed 3% transfer increase from the Board of Supervisors. Eliminating this deficit will require significant and painful cuts! Clearly, our current model is unsustainable. We need everyone's input in re-envisioning Fairfax County Public Schools. The quality of our schools impacts communities, businesses, and the local economy. This year in particular, I ask for your input and recommendations on "wants" versus "needs" as we seek to gain the biggest bang for the buck.

Anticipating the FY2017 shortfall and seeking community input, Superintendent Garza created a Budget Task Force comprised of representatives identified by each School Board member; the Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; FCPS teachers, principals, employee organizations, and community, business, and parent organizations. The Task Force is charged with identifying potential programs and services to reduce, eliminate, or redesign, beginning with the 2016-17 school year. *These are only recommendations, NOT final decisions!* There are a number of ways you can share your views on the budget issue. Two countywide community meetings are being held to gather budget feedback: Wed. Sept. 9, 7 to 9 pm, at South Lakes HS and Sat. Sept. 12, 10 am to noon at Mt. Vernon HS. If you can't attend, you can still share your feedback [online](#).

The Task Force will present their suggestions to the School Board in November 2015 and we will use this information as we deliberate how to focus efforts and resources.

Strategic Plan: To ensure the Board and the school system keep their focus on the most important issues before us, the Board directed Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza to create a Strategic Plan to guide us through the next few years. On July 9, the Board approved the final plan [Ignite](#). The plan is based on four strategic goals: student success, caring culture, premier work force, and resource stewardship. *Ignite* gives us a roadmap for the future, based on FCPS priorities, and a schedule for meeting critical goals.

For those FCPS parents, I hope you are getting into a routine for the school year. I look forward to seeing all community members during school and community events, including the annual Vienna Halloween parade. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions by email, patty.reed@fcps.edu, or phone at 571-423-1084.

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Adult Protective Services: 703-324-7450/ Child Protective Services: 703-324-7400

Suicide Crisis Hotline: (703) 527-4077 Rape Crisis Hotline: 703-360-7273

Adult Education	703-658-1201	Alcohol/drug abuse services	703-359-7040
Animal Control	703-691-2131	Child Care	703-324-8100
Consumer Affairs	703-222-8435	Circuit Courts	703-691-7320
Dept. of Motor Vehicles	804-497-7100	I-66 Disposal Sites	703-631-1179
Emergency	911	Fastran	703-222-9764
Fire/rescue (non-emergency)	703-691-2131	Zoning Violations	703-324-1300
Human Services	703-222-0880	Library, Oakton	703-242-4020
Park Authority	703-324-8700	Police (non-emergency)	703-691-2131
Tax Information	703-222-8234	Recreation Classes	703-324-5514
Recycling InfoLine	703-324-5052	School-Age Child Care Program (SACC)	703-449-8989
School Board	571-423-1075	Senior Citizen Information	703-324-7948
Traffic Tickets	703-246-3764	Trash Pick-up	703-802-3322
VDOT	800-367-7623	Voting Information	703-222-0776

Please call 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711 for other county related information.

Copies of the 2007 Providence Resource Directory are available by calling the Providence District Supervisor's office and are also available on the Providence District Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Prov_News.htm ▪



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